


**Word #1- Sadist**

**From the Text:** “The space in front of the kitchen was a favorite hunting-ground for the many **sadists** among the SS” (Wiesenthal 3).

**From the World:**

**Before DNA, a process of peril for rape suspects**

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The portrait of a **sadist** is painted in the brittle court files of James Moses Glass Jr., who raped a jogger at gunpoint and tried to strangle her two days before Christmas 1978.

Authorities now believe the York County attack was not his first of that year. He was charged last month in a Feb. 7, 1978, rape in nearby Williamsburg for which another man, Bennett S. Barbour, spent 4½ years in prison.

DNA testing in 2010 found no trace of Barbour in the Williamsburg assault on a student from the College of William and Mary. And although it has yet to be confirmed by authorities, the DNA testing apparently identified Glass as the rapist in a cold hit.

In both of the 1978 attacks, Glass and Barbour maintained their innocence and had alibi witnesses but were convicted largely on the victims' identifications.

-excerpt from *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, April 1, 2012

**Meaning:** A sadist, according to *Dictionary.com*, is one who enjoys inflicting pain on others. This is often associated with sexual gratification, as in the rapist in the above news article. By calling many of the SS men “sadists,” Wiesenthal implies that the senseless torture of Jews serves as entertainment. These sadistic animals prowl in this “hunting ground,” waiting to inflict pain on the innocent for their own pleasure.

**Part of Speech:** noun

**Sentence:** Cowering in fear, the girl crouched in the darkest corner of the room, praying that the **sadist** would forget about her presence before she became another of his victims.